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Overview

This act establishes and modifies a variety of gambling statutes related to: bar bingo; gambling equipment; merged gambling organizations; termination plans; manufacturer sales requirement; license suspensions; off-site permits; licensing exemptions; compensation; price reporting requirements and discounts; bingo prize delivery; linked bingo; electronic pull-tabs; raffles; employee and volunteer prohibitions; gambling account rules for electronic gambling; expenditure reporting; and progressive bingo.

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- 1** **Bar bingo.** Clarifies that the selling of 3.2 percent malt beverages in the definition of “bar bingo” refers to on-sale transactions.
- 2** **Gambling equipment.** Expands the definition of disposable gambling equipment to include the software used in electronic pull-tab and bingo games.
- 3** **Merged organizations.** Allows a merged gambling organization to meet the requirement for being in existence the most recent three years preceding a license if one of the organizations that merged had an active gambling license at the time of the merger.
- 4, 6, 7** **Termination plans.** Requires gambling equipment distributors, manufacturers and linked bingo game providers whose licenses are terminated to submit a termination plan to the board. Requires certain information to be provided in the plan.
- 5** **Sales required.** Exempts the software used in the production, play, and reporting of electronic pull-tabs and bingo from the manufacturer requirement to sell gambling equipment to gambling distributors.

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- 8 Licenses; summary suspension.** Allows for the summary suspension of a gambling organization's license if they are more than 45 days late in filing a required monthly report.
- 9 Off-site permits.** Removes the restriction that off-site permits must only be issued in connection with a fair, church festival, or civic celebration.
- 10 Exclusions; exemptions.** Modifies the provisions for organizations excluded or exempt from the license requirement.
- Removes the restriction that a nursing home can hold no more than two bingo occasions per week.
 - Allows guests of nursing home residents to play bingo at the nursing home.
 - Prohibits exempt organizations who conduct raffles from:
 - conducting a raffle together;
 - combining the use of raffle tickets; and
 - attaching, combining, and selling raffle tickets together.
- 11 Compensation paid.** Permits the payment of compensation to an employee of a lessor in some circumstances.
- 12 Filing of inventory and discounts.**
- Eliminates the price reporting requirement for manufacturers, distributors, and linked bingo game providers, and requires instead a monthly list of sold or leased inventory.
 - Allows a manufacturer, distributor, or linked bingo game provider to sell gambling equipment at a discount provided that they report to the board the availability of such discounts.
- 13 Winners.** Requires that payment for any bingo prize of \$200 or more is delivered within three business days.
- 14 Bar bingo.** Clarifies that bar bingo must take place on a premises that has an on-sale intoxicating liquor license or where 3.2% beer is sold on-sale.
- 15 Linked bingo games played exclusively on electronic bingo devices.**
- Requires that a permitted premises has an on-sale license instead of either an on- or off-sale license.
 - Eliminates the requirement to present a picture ID and register personal information prior to playing linked bingo and instead requires identification when cashing out a device for \$600 or more.
- 16 Electronic pull-tab device requirements and restrictions.**
- Requires that a permitted premises has an on-sale license instead of either an on- or off-sale license.

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- Eliminates the requirement to present a picture ID and register personal information prior to playing an electronic pull-tab game and instead requires identification when cashing out a device for \$600 or more.

- 17 Conduct of raffles.** Permits a visible display list of additional prizes in addition to a public posting.
- 18 Organization and lessor employees and volunteers.** Replaces a six-week prohibition on employees or volunteers involved in the conduct of certain games from participating in those games as a player with a less restrictive prohibition.
- 19 Accounts.** Removes a reference to a repealed subdivision. Requires receipts from electronic gambling to be deposited into a gambling bank account within four days of net receipts reaching \$2,000 or the first of the month, whichever occurs first.
- 20 Reports.** Requires gambling fund expenditures to be reported on a cash basis.
- 21 Progressive bingo games.** Modifies progressive bingo prize limits by allowing progressive bingo prizes to start at or below \$500 and increase by intervals of \$100 per game.
- 22 Revisor's instruction.** Changes a cross-reference in the rules.
- 23 Superseding act.** Voids any repeal from the 2015 session of any section of law amended by this bill.
- 24 Repealer.** Eliminates the requirement to prepare and distribute an accounting manual.